

REMARKS

With the cancellation of claim 8, claims 7 and 9-12 are now pending in the above-referenced application and are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

The Examiner noted an informality in the previously submitted IDS. Applicants have submitted herewith a new IDS that is believed to cure any prior deficiency.

Claims 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by either United States Patent No. 5,618,056 to Schoos et al. ("Schoos I"), United States Patent No. 5,678,854 to Meister et al. ("Meister"), United States Patent No. 5,468,014 to Gimbel et al. ("Gimbel"), United States Patent No. 5,851,026 to Schoos ("Schoos II"), or United States Patent No. 6,831,565 to Wanami ("Wanami").

Claims 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schoos I and Schoos II. Claims 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gimbel. Claims 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meister. Claims 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wanami.

Applicants have amended claims 7 and 9 to recite the feature that the electrical energy for the radio-identification chip is supplied by a thermogenerator. Support for this amendment is found in page 2, line 12, of the specification.

None of the cited references shows the subject matter of the new claim. Instead, these references show an inductive transmission and fail to disclose a radio transmission by a chip supplied with energy by a thermogenerator.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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